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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Smith, have you read all of these amendments that you've proposed to us this morning?

SENATOR SMITH: Not word-for-word, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To what extent did you read them? Did you just kind of scan them, every other word, or just took...well, let me let you answer the question.

SENATOR SMITH: Well the commas and the periods are a little difficult to read, but that's primarily what these are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And your role as chairman of the committee, the very important committee, is not really to read in detail all of these amendments, because each of us can do so. And you're merely presenting to us for our consideration what was sent to you from the Bill Drafter's Office, more or less.

SENATOR SMITH: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you cannot vouch for the wisdom of these amendments.

SENATOR SMITH: Very true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you recommend, though, that we vote for the amendments that you bring before us?

SENATOR SMITH: I merely present them for your consideration.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you recommend them when you present them?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In view of the fact that you did not mislead us on the firecracker bill, I'm going to continue to express confidence in your judgment, and that's why I want to make it clear that my no votes had nothing to do, nor were my votes designed to reflect on you in any way. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.